

City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014

Sherwood Community Center

PRAB Members Present

Jane Albro

Brian Knapp

Jennifer Passey

Esther Nasjleti

Kirk Holley

Harry Wilbur

Becky McNaughton

Evie Ifantides

Zinta Rodgers-Rickert

Douglas Stewart

Toby Sorenson

Bob Reisel

Members Absent

Mike Slawski

Guest:

Councilman Dan Drummond; made brief visit to meeting.

Staff:

Michael McCarty, Director of Parks & Recreation

Joanna Ormesher, Cultural Arts & Marketing Manager

1. Call to Order

Esther Nasjleti called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Election of Chairman

Becky McNaughton tendered her resignation as PRAB Chairman, due her appointment at Deputy City Treasurer.

Esther announced she would not seek the appointment as Chair to PRAB.

Esther then called for nominations for the Chairman position. The position would be elected from January 2014 until July 2014.

Jennifer Passey nominated Brian Knapp, seconded by Doug Stewart

PRAB approved Brian Knapp unanimously for the remainder of the FY2014 year.

Esther is happy to work with Brian, as Vice Chairman.

3. Adoption of the Agenda; Harry Made the motion, Bob seconded, all unanimous.

Old Business

4. Strategic Master Plan for Parks & Recreation.

All strategic plan phase one packets were sent out to City Council. The presentation will be at Jan 14 Council Work Session. Dan Drummond -“excited about the upcoming Strategic Master Plan.”

5. Ashby Pond

Mike announced to PRAB that City Council would approve a contract on Jan 14 to construct a trail at Ashby Pond (around the circumference), and redo the parking for two vehicles.

PRAB welcomed this development and looked forward to a future date when funds would be available for other amenities at Ashby Pond, including a small pavilion, a small platform overhanging the pond (for viewing/fishing), and signage to educate visitors about conservation, water, the environment, and wildlife in the City of Fairfax.

6. Old Town Square

In first submission Engineering and staff review. Final review needed before going to bid by February. Brian requested PRAB receive another update at a future meeting. Bravada's to be taken down, first weekend in February.

7. George Snyder Trail

Funded through Proffer Funds and matching VDOT money. Will be a quick turnaround: To bid – February or possibly March, Contract - March, Construction – April

Becky asked about plans for 7-11 and Sonoco. Mr. McCarty was not aware of any specific plans.

8. Trails Sub-Committee_- It was suggested that Esther that the Trails Sub-Committee be reconstituted. Ester will make recommendations and motions at the next meeting.

New Business

9. PRAB Award - need list for potential Awardees. Pass list to Brian.
10. Paul VI – Relocating to Loudon County in 2020 – questions re future use, potentially great opportunity. Becky asked would the 2 properties that have the Wood House on it go with the school? Staff is unaware.
 - a. 18 acres of property on Fairfax Boulevard
 - b. Estimated \$28 mill value for the property
 - c. Zoned for Commercial use
11. Rust Curve Bridges – The 100 year old bridge will start to be replaced over the next few weeks. Parks Trail Bridge in that area will be removed and replaced at the end of construction. The trail section is also closed during construction.
12. Approval of Minutes.

There was no December meeting due to the City Council Work Session

November 2013 minutes will be reviewed at the February 2014 meeting

10. Stakeholder Updates

1. . Parks & Recreation Department Report
 - a. Edwin Rivera resigned and has moved on to other opportunities. His last day was Dec 30, 2013. He was a great asset to the department working as an intern where he was instrumental in the establishment of community gardens and more recently the achievement of the American Camping Association Accreditation.
 - b. Leslie – family bereavement
2. Stakeholders Updates/Reports
 - a. Jane Albro – No comments from Senior Center, “end of year parties – good attendances”.
 - b. Bob Reinsel – Commended Gregg & team for Dale Lestina Park
 - c. Harry Wilbur – Public Art Policy to be adopted at Jan 24 Work Session, ‘The Cyclist’ to be relocated at City Hall.
 - d. Zinta Rodgers-Rickert– Problems with Holiday Craft Show wireless connectivity

- e. Kirk Holley – Winners for Community Appearance Awards
- f. Jennifer Passey – PC talking about Affordable Housing
- g. Toby Sorenson – Just passed balanced School Board Budget. Slight increase in student population. Promoted the upcoming production of “Cats”
- h. Brian Knapp– NVRPA, Light Shows a big success
- i. Doug Stewart – Smarter Growth; creating more Open Space, Walkable & biking communities, discussing connector trail with

Adjournment: 8:20pm

The next PRAB meeting will take place: Thursday February 13th

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